IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Drohmann Docket No.: 53383 Application No.: Examiner: 10/509.641 POPOVICS Filed: 9/29/2004 Art Unit: 1797 Customer No : 26474 Confirmation No.: 4300

For: Use of polymers comprising thermoplastic polymers as filtration aids and/or stabilising agent

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir

P.O. Box 1450

This is a reply to the restriction requirement mailed September 10, 2008. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any shortage in Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such account.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. $\S 1.143$, applicants provisionally elect group 1, "Polyolefins" of the "A" species and group 5 "Crosslinked Polyvinyllactams" of the "B" species. Claims 11-27 are readable on the elected species. This provisional election is submitted without traverse.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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